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My dear Maurice,

I hope you've written as many letters as I have, but suspect you've only just caught up with most of them. Odile tells me that you're thinking of taking all your family. Both Michael and the two little girls are coming with us.

About the prize lectures. I have written to Jim suggesting that he deals with messenger RNA, that I speak on acridine mutants and the code, and that you should cover the work on molecular structure. How do you feel about this? There doesn't seem much point in describing the replication mechanism as Kornberg has already done that. I myself feel we should keep off any historical account of the discovery of the DNA structure, but of course Jim may have different views. What do you feel?

I have also been approached by Science and by Angewandte Chemie for premission to publish my prize lecture (the latter in a German translation). I said I ought to consult you and Jim on this. Have you any views on the subject?

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